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9 "Go, team!"

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16 Hamlet's countrymen

20 Transmit, in a way

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Logan's Run

By Erin Logan



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Today's Cryptiquip Clue: T equals U

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Honor society to host benefit concert for Kenya

Three bands perform to benefit Comfort the Children

Austin Enns
coverage editor

Next weekend, Alpha Epsilon Delta, a health and preprofessional honor society, will be holding a concert and auction to raise money for a charity that works in Kenya.

The Low End, Catch Amy and Reverb are the three bands that will be entertaining the crowd. Items up for auction include a football signed by Bill Snyder, a copy of Sports Illustrated signed by Jordy Nelson, as well as a jersey also signed by Jordy Nelson. Some other prizes include Kansas City Royals tickets as well as art from people on campus and the community.

Those who do not wish to bid in the auction can buy raffle tickets and get the chance to win items like gift cards from LongHorn Steakhouse and

Carlos O’Kelly’s Mexican Cafe.

All money raised goes to Comfort the Children, an organization in Kenya that does activities like setting up schools and bringing physical and occupational therapists in to teach mothers how to take care of children with disabilities.

Whitley Jackson, senior in biology, Spanish and gerontology, and vice president of Alpha Epsilon Delta, explained why the group wanted to hold the auction.

“Last summer I went over to Africa and I worked in this community, Maai Mahiu,” Jackson said. “I was working with these kids and they really touched me, and I was impressed with the difference being made in their life.”

Alpha Epsilon Delta is partnering with Student Friends of the Beach to hold the concert. Jackson said part of the goal was go get people more interested in the Beach Museum of Art. The event will occur May 6 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. outside of the museum.

SGA opposes City Commission reversal

StudentSenate reaffirms support of LGBTQ ordinance

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

Manhattan City Commissioners want to repeal an ordinance protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual people and weaken the rental inspection program. That was the message carried at last night’s Student Senate meeting.

Senators passed two resolutions reaffirming their support for both the discrimination ordinance and the mandatory rental inspection program.

“To me, personally, I feel this is almost borderline outrageous what this city council is trying to do,” said Kyle Nuss, chair of the College Council Allocations

Committee. “It’s one thing to be against the lifestyle, but it’s another to go against making it even fair for the these people. It is my personal opinion that I feel they’re out of touch with the majority of the population.”

Samuel Brinton, former senator and LGBT activist, spoke at the meeting in favor of the resolution. Brinton had a key role in organizing support last year for the ordinance that the commission wants to repeal.

He said a major complaint from the three new commissioners is that the discrimination ordinance gives too much power to a judicial board. In reality, he said that judicial board does not have much weight. Without the ordinance, people who feel they are discriminated against will not have a legal avenue to turn to, he said.

Students are protected while on the K-State campus,

but without the ordinance, they can be fired or denied housing in Manhattan based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

One option for the ordinance, he said, was for it to be put to a vote on an election ballot. That option, however, is dangerous he said, because the decision would be final for 10 years. The commission is not looking at that option though, due to cost reasons of putting it to a vote.

Tyler Tannahill, intern coordinator, spoke in opposition of the bill, arguing that the commission election was open to all students. Since the three elected commissioners ran on the platform of repealing both ordinances, students could have voted against them, he said.

“Members of the student body had an opportunity to vote in the elections,” Tannahill said.

He said he talked to roughly 15 or 20 students and received mixed responses. Many of the students asked him why the senate would support an issue that a lot of students voted against by electing the new commissioners, Tannahill said.

Emilee Taylor, chair of the Allocations Committee, argued that leadership does not always mean voting on the basis of what constituents want.

“We have an obligation to do what’s best for students here as student senators,” Taylor said. “It’s not a question of morality, it’s a question of making sure people have equal rights.”

Senate passed the resolution with a 55-2-2 vote.

Student Senate opposes commission decision
See kstatecollegian.com for more information on the ordinances.

Farmers market helps local community, offers unique items

Personal stories, local music add to atmosphere

Kevin Clouse
junior staff writer

Manhattan’s farmers market is one of the oldest in the state. It was established in 1979 and still continues to provide the community with an abundance of fresh veggies, fruits, homemade goodies, arts and crafts and much more.

We have all heard about the idea of shopping and buying locally but when it comes down to it, how many of us really practice this idea? Let’s think about this; if I buy my vegetables for the week from the farmers market, my dollars spent stay right here in the Manhattan community. I am supporting the local farmers and the local economy at the same time.

If that isn’t enough incentive to shop at the farmers market, consider the price you pay for herbs and vegetables at the grocery store. Veggies can be pretty high-priced at the grocery store and you don’t really get a plentiful amount for your



Lauren Gocken | Collegian

Guerrero Olguin, a farmer at Brent’s Farm in Manhattan, holds up a type of mushroom that’s been growing more since there’s been so much rain in the area. Olguin sold asparagus, onions, tomatoes and other produce at the farmers market in Cico Park on Wednesday.

hard-earned dollar, but at the farmers market you do.

On top of the expensive produce at the store, you might find the atmosphere a little dull and boring, but at the farmers market you get to shop around

in the spring sun and interact with other shoppers, all while listening to a local bluegrass band pluck away on the banjo and mandolin.

At this point, some of you might be saying, “I don’t even

FARMERS MARKET FINDS

Weiche’s Garden: Sells fresh herbs like dill, parsley and cilantro. They also have fresh farm raised eggs and fresh vegetables.

Harmony Hills: Sells bedding plants, jams, fresh bread, cinnamon rolls, salsas, dressings, bee pollen, fresh eggs and local photography.

Nell’s Sweets: Deals in cookies and candy. They have over a dozen of different kinds of cookies.

Park’s Pasture Pork: Specializes in all pork products. Check out the bacon or loin chops.

Clowers Flowers and Such: Stocks fresh vegetables, shoots and sprouts, jams and jellies, pet supplies and flowers.

Ray’s Burritos and Tamales: This one may be a little self explanatory, but they sell homemade burritos and tamales (vegetarian available). They also have homemade tortillas and hot sauces.

Blackhorn Candle Company: Sells 100 percent soy candles that are 100 percent recyclable.

Needful Things Too: Stocks Shirley York original artwork. Check out the old window and ceramic mask paintings.

Dandy Lion Photography: Sells original photography by Megan Hughes.

I would like to help. In future articles, I will provide some quick, delicious and easy recipes that anyone can manage. This weekly article should help direct you around the market and give you a good idea of what is being sold and what is fresh.

The market is located on Fifth and Humboldt right

behind the Manhattan Town Center. It runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, and will run all summer until October. Here is a partial list of the vendors that will be there this Saturday and what they will have for sale. Next week, I will have the full list of vendors and prices. Do your part; shop locally, buy locally, eat locally.

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"A liquor store because they mark up 500 percent so you'd be making a 500 percent profit."



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"A business where you can turn in your worn out shoes for new ones because it always sucks when you wear out your favorite pair."



Kasey Von Dassel
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"I would have my own public relations agency because I could be really creative with it."



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'WAIT...WAT?'

Proposed 9/11 amendment expensive, not needed



Joshua Madden

In October, controversy surrounded the passage of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health Compensation Act, a piece of legislation designed to provide health care for first responders and others that were most vulnerable to lasting health damage from the attack. For some reason, the Republican members of Congress decided to vote against the bill. I wrote an opinion column on Oct. 5, stating that members of the GOP in Congress should have supported the bill, arguing that even as a libertarian, I support the legislation because it represents a necessary governmental action. I absolutely stand by that position. One of my favorite internet memes — recurring online jokes that get repeated in a variety of contexts, like lolcats or Rebecca Black — is "Wait ... WAT?" This meme consists of people writing out a story and then throwing in a detail that makes no sense, forcing the reader to step back and ask, "Wait... WAT?" In some ways, the initial GOP opposition to the James Zadroga bill was a "Wait... WAT?" moment in its own right. After all the flag-waving by the Republican party and all their so-called support for first responders, they couldn't seem to pull through when the first responders actually needed it — and they couldn't even come up with a united and compelling reason for their opposition. I would think that with all of the GOP talk about 9/11 being an attack on the United States, this bill could have been chalked up as defense spending or something along those lines and easily supported by Republicans, but Washington is a funny place,

sometimes, and that didn't happen. For some reason, that's not the end of the absurdity surrounding this piece of legislation. In an April 21 article titled "9/11 Responders To Be Warned They Will Be Screened By FBI's Terrorism Watch List (EXCLUSIVE)," Michael McAuliff reports "A provision in the new 9/11 health bill may be adding insult to injury for people who fell sick after their service in the aftermath of the 2001 Al Qaeda attacks." McAuliff goes on to explain that Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., added an amendment to the legislation to require that participants in the program be screened by the FBI to make sure that they're not terrorists. That's right, Stearns wants to make sure that people claiming to be hurt by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks aren't terrorists, themselves. It's a "Wait... WAT?" moment if I've ever seen one. Sure, the harms are somewhat minimal here, although Stearns' amendment will have two notably negative impacts on the country and the legislation. First, these background checks are not going to be free, so this amendment directly increases the cost of the legislation, thus increasing the costs to those of us who won't be claiming benefits. The other notable harm of this amendment is that it's going to hurt the efficiency of the program. These background checks aren't going to be instant, either, so it's probably worth noting that each time a first responder applies for the program, they're going to have to wait to be verified as not being a terrorist. These impacts, while undoubtedly negative, aren't the end of the world. Perhaps Stearns has some information I don't have and he knows there are a lot of terrorists who might apply for benefits. It seems unlikely to me, but to paraphrase Stephen Colbert, that's only because I'm stuck here in reality. For some reason, no articles I've read on the issue have made the most important connection between the puzzle pieces in the crazy drama surrounding the James



Illustration by Kelsey Welliver

Zadroga Act: Stearns didn't even vote on the actual piece of legislation. Seriously. Despite all the controversy surrounding his silly amendment, no one else seems to be commenting on the fact that he didn't even vote on the legislation. Check it out on your own: If you look up the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act voting record in the U.S. Congress Votes Database, which is published online by the Washington Post, you can clearly see Clifford Stearns from Florida listed as a non-voter on the legislation. I think there's only reasonable thing to say: "Wait... WAT?"

So, Stearns increased the cost of the legislation, decreased its efficiency and then didn't even vote on it. That's a trifecta of incompetency and, to be honest, it's cowardly. If he really didn't want to support the bill or was that worried about terrorists getting federal funds, he should have voted against it. Stearns should immediately resign. If he doesn't, he should at least submit to a background check to prove that he's not a terrorist. **Joshua Madden is a senior in political science and history. Please send comments to opinion@pub.ksu.edu**

Tattoos, body piercings acceptable in work place



Jillian Aramowicz

Trends are constantly changing with the times. In the 1950s, a woman would never be seen wearing pants to work or out on a date. In the 1960s, hemp, tie-dye and freedom of expression became more acceptable. By the time the 1980s rolled around, the hair was big, the jewelry was big, the pants were tight and the music was loud. In 2011, our ever-changing styles are a reflection of our personalities and ideas, which is why I feel that professional workplaces should start accepting the ways people choose to express themselves, especially when it comes to body art. Tattoos and piercings have been around for centuries, and in many places of employment having visible body art or interesting piercings is viewed as unprofessional. In previous decades, the stereotype of tattooed and pierced people fell amongst thugs, bikers and sailors, or was reserved for the angst-ridden punk rock movement. How-

ever, by grouping people who choose to express themselves with body art into prefabricated social categories, we are falling victim to our own closed-mindedness. To tell someone they cannot work somewhere because their style is too unprofessional because of their jewelry or visible ink shows a lack of tolerance and integrity amongst employers. According to Marilyn Gardner in the Dec. 3, 2007, Christian Science Monitor article, "Body art" gains acceptance in workplace, more than one-third of Americans between the ages of 25 and 40 have at least one tattoo, which rounds out to about 40 million people. That is a lot of ink to be hiding. The negative connotation associated with body art is an outdated prejudice that needs to be changed. I, personally, would not have any problem if my doctor, my lawyer or my financial adviser had a visible tattoo because I would much rather focus on their intellect than the decorations

on their body. Maybe it is just the art student in me that feels everyone should exercise their right to express themselves and not be judged for it. It seems rather silly to me that we hear stories on the news about doctors prescribing illegal pills, politicians being



Illustration by Jillian Aramowicz

involved in sex scandals and pedophilia and people in positions of financial power cheating and scamming the public for money, but something as simple as a piece of jewelry or an ink design can shun someone from the professional world. The evolution of body art is ever changing and growing. For instance, according to medicalnewstoday.com, between 73 and 83 percent of women in the United States have their ears pierced, while www.blackstarpiercing.com states that in the 1960s only a very small minority of women had pierced ears. However, the trend grew, and today we don't think twice about women wearing earrings. We don't even think twice about piercing our newborn baby's ears, for crying out loud. I am certainly not saying that we should be giving our children nose rings or getting them their first tattoo for their 10th birthday, but ear piercing is a perfect example of how something unusual became acceptable in our culture. I do not think that all forms of body decoration are a good idea in the workplace. There certainly does need to be a limit to what is acceptable. If there are explicit words, sexual connotations or extremely violent or hateful phrases and images

on someone's body, I totally agree that an employer has every right to refuse someone both service and a job. But the same goes for clothing. I wouldn't want someone with a racial slur on their shirt working for me, just like I wouldn't hire someone with a swastika inked on their forearm, either. However, if an intelligent, capable applicant came to an interview well dressed with full tattoo sleeves, or a nose ring, or a piercing in their lip, I certainly would not be one to judge. Many employers state that they do not like body art because it is a distraction to other people. To me, that is the same as saying you can't wear bright colors because they might be distracting, or you shouldn't change your hairstyle, because people might notice. Appropriate piercings and tattoos should not fall to the logical fallacy of self-expression being a disturbance to other peoples' productivity. I hope in years to come, the acceptance of body art will continue to grow, especially if we can all make the decision to stop judging books by their colorfully expressive and creatively pierced covers. **Jillian Aramowicz is a junior in advertising. Please send comments to opinions@spub.ksu.edu**

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Anthony Drath | Collegian

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Doubles:

Ekaterina Morozova/Dylan Windom (KU) def. Petra Niedermayerova/Nina Sertic (KSU), 8-6
Karla Bonacic/Petra Chuda (KSU) def. Erin Wilbert/Sara Lazarevic (KU), 8-5
Ana Gomez Aleman/Carmen Borau Ramos (KSU) def. Monica Pezzotti/Paulina Los (KU), 8-6

Singles:

Petra Niedermayerova (KSU) def. Ekaterina Morozova (KU), 3-6, 6-1, 6-0
Ana Gomez Aleman (KSU) def. Monica Pezzotti (KU), 6-1, 6-3
Karla Bonacic (KSU) def. Sara Lazarevic (KU), 6-1, 6-1
Paulina Los (KU) vs. Nina Sertic (KSU), DNF
Erin Wilbert (KU) vs. Petra Chuda (KSU), DNF
Dylan Windom (KU) def. Carmen Borau Ramos (KSU), 6-2, 6-2

Tennis team defeats KU to break single season win record

Stephanie Carr
sports and multimedia editor

Getting into the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Conference Championship for the first time since 2008 with a 4-1 victory is something the No. 44 Wildcat tennis team should be proud of.

To end their Conference tournament skid against the in-state rival Kansas Jayhawks and break the K-State record for wins in a single season all at the same time made the Thursday's victory that much sweeter for the Wildcats.

"Clearly the girls are happy about it, but I am not sure they have it in perspective yet," K-State head coach Steve Bietau said in a *kstatesports.com* press release. "They have pieced together a great effort this year and I am just really happy for them."

The Wildcats kept their record perfect when getting on the board first via the doubles competition. K-State won two of the three match ups to secure the doubles point.

Sophomore Karla Bonacic improved upon the Wildcats' early lead by defeating KU's Sara Lazarevic in straight sets. The Split, Croatia native has a 13-1 record in the number three position in singles competition and improved to 21-9 this season.

Sophomore Ana Gomez Aleman kept the winning going for the Wildcats. In the number two singles matchup against the Jayhawks' Monica Pezzotti, Gomez Aleman came out on top 6-1 and 6-3 to improve her career-best winning streak to nine matches. Her spring 2011

record now sits at 15-5.

The Jayhawks got on the board during the number six singles competition. KU's Dylan Windom knocked off sophomore Carmen Borau Ramos 6-2, 6-2.

The Big 12's top singles performer, No. 49 Petra Niedermayerova, improved her current winning streak to tie her career best streak of seven victories in a row. The sophomore stand out struggled in the first set, falling 3-6 to No. 109 Ekaterina Morozova of KU.

Niedermayerova then settled down and took the second and third sets, 6-1 and 6-0, to secure her sixth-straight victory over a ranked opponent and pushed her team through to the next round. She is now 7-1 against ranked opponents and 19-3 in the number one singles position.

"I think in terms of nerves, we came out ahead in that regard," Bietau said. "You certainly have to say that in Petra's match. Whatever difficulties she had in the first set, she figured them out in the next two.

At the courts I saw, we either played really well or fought our way through some hard times."

The seventh-seeded Wildcats have a quick turnaround, as they will face the second-seeded Texas Longhorns at noon today at the Baylor Tennis Center in Waco, Texas. This will be the fourth meeting of the two teams in the Conference tournament, third in the quarterfinal round.

The Wildcats have yet to get a victory against the Longhorns to move on in the championship competition.

Rowing prepares for conference title race

Sean Frye
junior staff writer

It has been a long season for the K-State rowing team, but this weekend, their hard work will begin to culminate. On Saturday, the crew will travel to Kansas City, Kan. for the second weekend in a row for the Big 12 Championships. They will face the Texas Longhorns, the Oklahoma Sooners and the Kansas Jayhawks. The heavy favorite will be the reigning champion Longhorns.

"Texas just has so much strength and depth, it's hard to beat them," said K-State head coach Patrick Sweeney. "It's hard to say you're going to beat them, even. If we're there with them, that means we are among the top 20 crews in the country, and that's the aim and the goal."

One of the advantages the Wildcats — and the Jayhawks for that matter — will have over Oklahoma and Texas is that both teams competed in the Kansas Cup on Wyandotte County Lake last week. In that event, K-State beat Kansas 13-6 after winning both the 1st and 2nd Varsity 8 races. This weekend, both local crews will have the advantage of knowing the water and their surroundings.

"It makes it more comfortable for the athletes, they know where they're going and they know what to do," Sweeney said. "They know the course, they know the preparation, where the bathrooms are and they know what the water feels like. It's a comfort zone and that's what we're always to do is make the girls feel comfortable."

Texas is currently No. 15 in the country and are the favorites going into Saturday's races. They are one of the premier teams in the country due to their ability to recruit rowers from countries like Croatia, New Zealand and Great Britain.

"They outgun us on recruiting and facilities," Sweeney said. "We don't do it that way though, we don't go out and recruit foreigners. We keep it local. But it's that slight advantage that they have because they wear Texas on their chest."

Oklahoma is also very talented. Their recruits aren't as foreign as those of Texas, but they do recruit girls from the coasts in order to get more talent.

"Oklahoma isn't as much foreigners, but they still recruit," Sweeney said. "And that is where their strength is."

Only four schools will be competing on Saturday due to the fact they are the only Big 12 schools to field official varsity teams. Other schools in the conference have club teams.

"The other schools aren't recognized by their athletic departments as official sports and that's really a shame because, if they were, this would be a much bigger and better event," Sweeney said.

Despite the hardships the season has brought the crew, most notably the weather keeping practices short or off the water, the Wildcats are gunning for a top-two finish this weekend.

"At the end of the day, nobody gives you a head start because you couldn't practice or anything like that," Sweeney said. "It's just, you get put on the water and you go. And I think we can do well based on the progress we've made this year and how hard the girls have worked."

Baseball heads to Oklahoma State to take on Cowboys

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The K-State baseball team takes their six-game winning streak to Stillwater, Okla., this weekend for a three-game series with the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

K-State is red-hot having won 11 of their last 15 contests after taking care of Cal-State Bakersfield in a two-game sweep earlier this week. The Wildcats won in different ways, taking game one 5-4 after Nick Martini singled in the eventual game-winning run in the top of the ninth. Game two was all about the Cats' bats in a 9-0 blowout victory that was accentuated by a pair of home runs from Jared King.

Pitching has carried the Wildcats throughout their recent surge, and the Wildcats staff has a collective average of 3.42 runs earned to show for it. Junior closer James Allen grabbed the headlines last weekend by saving all three games in a K-State sweep of Texas Tech. With the save in the series finale on Saturday, Allen became the career leader in saves at K-State with 27. Starter Matt Applegate recorded a career-high 13 strikeouts through seven innings of work in Saturday's 4-1 win as well.

Freshman Ross Kivett has emerged

as a stellar batter in the lead-off spot throughout K-State's resurgence. Kivett is now hitting .333 on the season and, along with reigning Big 12 Player of the Year Nick Martini, is one of two Wildcat starters hitting above .300.

Another freshman making a major impact is pitcher Shane Conlon, who earned his first career start last Thursday against Texas Tech. Conlon responded by tossing six and two-thirds innings of shutout baseball to earn the win.

Kyle Hunter will get the starting nod for the Wildcats on Friday in Stillwater with Matt Applegate to follow on Saturday. Hunter is 4-3 in 2011 with an average of 2.93 runs earned and is coming off a win against the Red Raiders as well. Conlon's reward for a strong start last week is another start on the mound Sunday against the Cowboys.

Oklahoma State comes into the weekend series looking to snap a four-game losing skid. The Cowboys were swept by No. 6 Texas A&M last weekend by scores of 11-2, 5-1 and 8-1. OSU has a potent offensive attack as the Cowboys rank second in the Big 12 in batting average, slugging percentage and RBIs.

Plenty is on the line this weekend with K-State still fighting for a berth



Anthony Drath | Collegian

Junior infielder **Wade Hinkle** puts the baseball into play against the Bears from Missouri State on April 19 at Tointon Family Stadium. The Wildcats are scheduled to play a three-game series against Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Okla. starting today.

in the Big 12 tournament as well as a third straight NCAA regional berth. The Wildcats currently sit in sixth place in the conference, but can make their way up the standings with a series win over the Cowboys who are

in fourth at 10-9 in league play.

First pitch between the Wildcats and Cowboys on Friday is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Game two starts at 2 p.m. Saturday with the series finale getting underway at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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'WINE' TO YOUR MOM

Champagne, wine with meals option for Mother's Day gift

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Deciding how to honor a mother on Mother's Day is daunting. It's hard to pay back 364 days of service with one day of appreciation, and college students often tend to be stuck between a budget and box of crayons. Not knowing what else to do for a mother can leave students in a tizzy. For a mother with a taste palette for wine, consider adding a bottle to your Mother's Day celebration.

Buy champagne if money is not a restraint. Champagnes from the Champagne region of France, such as Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Demi-sec or Perrier-Jouet Grand Brut, are options for mothers who appreciate the classics. Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Demi-sec is semi-sweet champagne that is made from a blend of pinot noir, pinot meunier and chardonnay grapes.

While any champagne can be ordered at any liquor store in Manhattan, Mike Towne, Aggieville's Library Discount Liquor store manager, said since Veuve Clicquot is an example of a higher-end champagne, it might be harder to find stores which carry it at all times. However, Towne said if you give two to three days notice of what alcohol and the quantity you want, the Library will place the order. Market price for this champagne is around \$60.

Whatever your mom's cham-

pagne — or wine — of choice, be sure to subtly ask if a bottle of bubbly would be something your mom would enjoy as a gift.

"My mom loves wine," said Courtney Fox, junior in textile marketing. "(On Mother's Day) she always asks for a nice bottle from me, my sister and brother so this year, we're planning to make her some personalized wine online and get a label with our family picture on it."

Websites like plazawine.com, winegiftclub.com and bottleyourbrand.com allow you to create your own personalized wine bottles for Mom. Creating your mom's favorite blend or adding your own label to her favorite wine could be the perfect way to show you care.

Still searching for inspiration for a Mother's Day wine, and don't want to break the bank? Pick up the phone and talk with someone who can help you discover your mother's wine preference. Asking about special anniversaries or vacations is a helpful place to start your venture.

Benton's Prime Steakhouse, a Kansas City restaurant, serves Domaine Ste Michelle Blanc De Blanc, a sparkling white wine. This is an affordable option for under \$10. Every Sunday, Benton's hosts a champagne brunch and reservations can be made through Brent Grider. This could be a great opportunity to spend quality wine-tasting time with your mom without having to spend too much.

If you're looking to prepare a meal at home for your mom, it's helpful to keep certain foods in mind when

planning the wine choice. With any white wine, sparkling or not, find your mother's favorite quiche recipe or create a unique recipe with roasted peppers and Gruyere cheese. Not a quiche fan? Try fluffy French toast made with fresh cream and nutmeg topped with fresh strawberries and more cream.

If classic rock'n roll T-shirts appear in your mother's wardrobe, give an equally bold Mother's Day meal. Grill her up a rib-eye steak and pair it with a bold flavored wine, such as cabernet blends or an american zinfandel. According to intowine.com, Lorin Sonkin, a winemaker at Sokin Cellars says rib-eye steak is best paired with cabernet sauvignon.

If your mother will be in Manhattan and you would like to dine out, 4 Olives Wine Bar has a full brunch menu from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The full menu will be available again from 5 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Reservations are suggested, according to Scott Benjamin, chef and owner of the restaurant. He said this year the restaurant expects 300 persons for their Mother's Day brunch.

The restaurant is open for brunch on both Mother's Day and Father's Day. They will be featuring fresh-squeezed orange juice and mimosas on the brunch menu. Mimosas from 4 Olives are made with a sparkling cava, Poema from Spain. It has a lot of champagne-like qualities, Benja-



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Picking the right swimsuit for your shape key to looking good



Ariel Burress



Larissa Ost

It's that time of year again to start thinking about swimsuits. Whether this comes with reluctance or excitement, we all have to face the inevitable. Regardless of your attitude, finding the perfect swimsuit is all about accentuating your best assets.

There are distinct styles that will make you look your best while you're at the pool or the lake depending on your body type. The main areas of concern when finding the perfect suit are your chest and butt.

For instance, girls that have smaller chests can go with the triangle top with some padding for a natural look. Another option is the trendy strapless bandeau. Although this is a very fashionable choice, it will flatten



photo illustration by Anthony Drath

There are a lot of different options when choosing the right swimsuit for you. The best advice is to be sure that you find a suit that you feel confident in.

you out. A good rule of thumb for all body types is to keep swimsuit bottoms neutral while keeping any prints on top. This will keep focus on the actual print of your suit rather than your cup size.

If you have a larger chest, the most common style is the halter top. Not only will this provide

maximum coverage but you can find suits with adjustable straps so you can find the perfect fit. Watch out for higher necklines because they can make you look larger and stay away from bandeau tops with the neckline starting in the middle.

For apple-shaped bodies, there are many methods to

find the best way to show off your shape. Ruching, gathering and tiers around the torso area distract the eye and visually flatten the stomach. Look for a suit that has a lot of texture, whether visually with a print or physically with a fabric. V-neck one pieces and empire waists keep the eye focused upward.

Boxy, boyish figures find curves with string bikinis because the less fabric, the more you can show your curves. Keep fabrics feminine with florals or bright colors to show your girly side.

Texture on the top creates balance with the curvature on the bottom for pear-shaped

bodies. Stay away from boy shorts because this will cut you off at the widest point on your body, your hips. Layered ruffles on the top will keep focus on your smallest part.

While shopping for suits, be aware of the style that will look best on your body, rather than size.

According to Malia Mills, a swimwear designer, on *fitness-style.com*, "Women often think they need a bigger size to cover more skin. But it's better to get the right size in a fuller cut."

It's no secret that men's style of clothing changes at a slower pace than women's, and the same goes for swimwear as well. While there isn't much difference this year than last year, there has been a resurgence of '80s and '90s style swimsuit wear, meaning bold patterns and somewhat shorter lengths of swim trunks. Although this small change probably won't cause you any worry when looking for a new set of trunks this year, you might just find yourself sporting a funky pattern rather than a solid, which was popular in previous years.

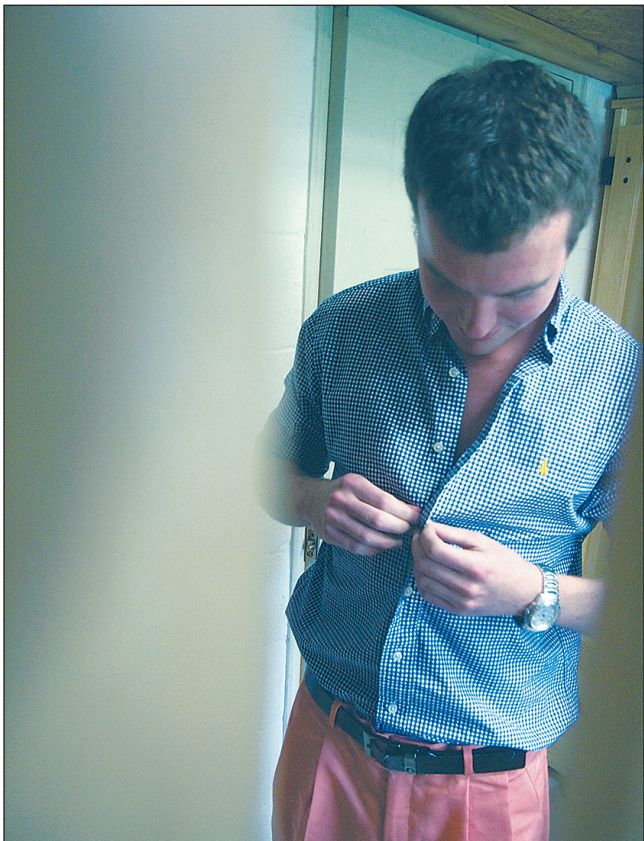
The best advice when swimsuit shopping is to find a suit that you feel the most comfortable wearing. When it comes to swimsuits, don't listen to what the salesperson says, go with what makes you feel best. Confidence is the best thing you can wear to accentuate your body.

Men prep for dates differently, take same amount of time as women

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Staff Writer

For a couple embarking on their first date together, seeing each other for the first time could be considered magical. There is

definitely a spark that is initiated from that moment. Ideally, it's an individual's goal to make the other person impressed by their appearance. But what goes on behind the scenes to create the picture-perfect moment?



Having a hot date in the near future can be an exciting event, however it is also nerve-racking. While anxiously waiting for the day or night to arrive, preparations may be in order.

While the excitement part is the same, guys and girls have different takes on getting ready for a big date.

Zach Kolich, senior in criminology and member of K-State's ROTC program, said he prepares for dates by doing the usual, expected things and then some.

"I shower and shave, clean up

and figure out what I'm going to wear. I also clean out my Jeep and wash it," Kolich said.

In addition to the common getting-ready routine, Kolich said if it is past the first date and things are going well with the individual, he enjoys getting a girl a rose.

"I try to come off as a 'tough guy,' but deep inside I am more of a sweetheart," Kolich said.

However, when it is not the first date, Kolich said he does not waver much with the preparations.

"I always like to look good

and try to make my house clean if she is coming over for a movie date. As for the vehicle, I make sure it smells nice and there's no trash lying around," Kolich said.

While guys are getting ready to impress girls by making their homes, cars and other things presentable, girls are preparing to look as nice as they can.

"If it's something big like a first date, I take a good amount of time to get ready," said Erin Hurd, junior in interior architecture.

Even if the guy is taking care of the transportation and clean-

ing, the amount of time spent getting ready for the date may come out equally between guys and girls. Hurd said that her greatest time commitment with getting ready is her hair.

"It takes an ironic amount of effort to look effortlessly hot," she said.

The amount of effort put in to date preparation varies from person to person, but Kolich said he tries to mirror how ready women get for a first date.

"I know that girls usually put a lot into getting ready for a date so I like to put thought into what I wear and how I look so they don't feel like I don't care," Kolich said.

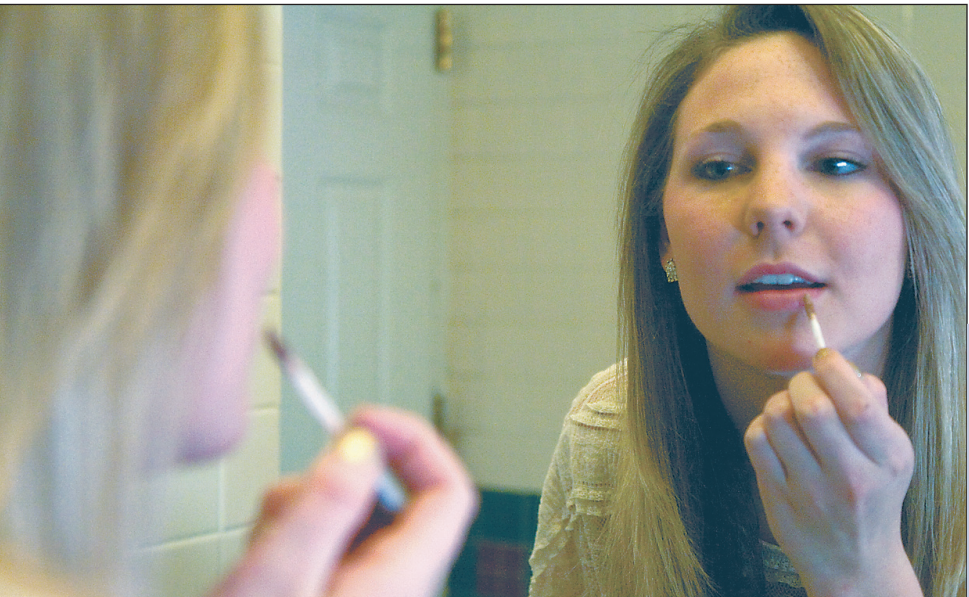
Hurd recognizes the effort she puts into getting ready is mainly for herself, considering men don't often notice small details.

"Honestly, guys probably wouldn't notice if we didn't have any toenails, so most of the preparation is just for us to feel put together and confident."

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Far Left: The amount of time guys and girls spend getting ready averages out to about the same. Guys care about their appearance, and make an effort to send off the right vibe.

Left: Girls work very hard to get the "effortlessly hot" look.



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Past struggles reason for Delta Upsilon house mom’s positivity

Don Bolerjack
staff writer

As you look at the greek system at K-State, you might initially think about the fraternity guys and sorority girls. But chances are, you never think about what goes on behind the scenes and about who else makes positive contributions to these houses.

These contributors are house mothers; each and every one of them has something special they bring to the table. Not only do these moms contribute to the well-being of the house and its success throughout campus, but they also have their own life stories that have formed them.

Delta Upsilon’s house mother, Sharon Blea, has one of those stories.

Picture yourself in a hospital bed, dripping IVs inserted in your arm. At the time, it was unknown how Blea’s medical condition would be resolved. Needing a kidney transplant because of kidney disease made time pass by a lot slower, she said. Things started looking up when her kidneys were finally removed, but due to the amount of blood lost during surgery — and the medications that caused an allergic reaction — Blea went into hypovolemic shock. So there she lay in a hospital bed, wondering if this would be the end or a new beginning to her life.

It took a life-changing obstacle for Blea to truly find the fight within her. She said it is her struggles that got her where she is now. It is because of the challenges she has faced that she has such a positive outlook on everything, and she continues to follow along that path now.

“It really does make you appreciate life more,” Blea said.

So to get a closer to look at to where Blea is now, we have to travel through time a bit and glance at some of the events that have molded her as a person. From the time Sharon was born in 1959 to now, she had a time line of events that gave her a new perspective on life.

Born in Manhattan and raised

on a farm in Hunters Island, she was always a small town girl. She graduated from Manhattan High School in 1977 and attended K-State where she majored in recreation for special education then joined Alpha Delta Pi.

Blea spent two years in the sorority, but said she decided to move on with working a smaller job at Walmart and worked there for two years. Because she did not have the best health benefits or wages, and there were not many opportunities for promotion, she said she decided to move on to something bigger. She started her job in Fort Riley, and still works for the director of logistics.

“I oversee all the government property we issue to the contrac-

tor to use military equipment,” Blea said.

She has worked there for 29 years, and during that time, she met her husband, who is now the head coach of the K-State Rugby club. She shows the same dedication when she is present at the fraternity house that she shows at her job, with her positive criticisms and suggestions that help make the house better.

While living in Manhattan, Blea said she was approached about becoming a house mom in the greek system before, but did not think anything of it until this year. Rugby players on her husband’s team, who were also members of DU, asked Blea to become new house mother. This

time, Blea said she was very interested. She said working as a house mom has taught her many things.

Blea’s duties as house mother include helping to keep the house clean, assist with the fraternity’s moms club, give advice to new members — such as teaching etiquette and table manners — and also to oversee the overall progress of the fraternity.

“I have kids of my own, and there are always kids at our house, and you just learn to be very patient with them,” Blea said. “Being around anywhere between 18- to 27-year-olds, you get to know and meet a whole bunch of different people, and I think that really helped me.”

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A look at last season’s end



K-State players enter Yankee Stadium during the inaugural New Era Pinstripe Bowl in New York City, Dec. 30. K-State lost to the Syracuse Orange 36-34. Photos by Jonathan Knight | Collegian



Above Left: K-State's quarterback Carson Coffman passes during the inaugural New Era Pinstripe Bowl on Dec. 30.

Above Right: K-State's Daniel Thomas is upended and tackled by three Syracuse Orange defensemen during the New Era Pinstripe Bowl.

Right: K-State wide receiver Aubrey Quarles fails to haul in a pass from Carson Coffman during a 2-point conversion attempt that would have tied the game.

Far Right: K-State fullback Lucas Hamm is tackled during the New Era Pinstripe Bowl in New York City's Yankee Stadium.



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K-State head coach Bill Snyder looks on during the inaugural New Era Pinstripe Bowl in New York City's Yankee Stadium on Dec. 30. K-State lost to the Syracuse Orange 36-34. Jonathan Knight | Collegian

Brown brothers set to make K-State debut in spring game

Sean Frye junior staff writer

K-State fans will get their first glimpse of some new faces in Saturday's spring game. Red-shirt junior linebacker Arthur Brown, who transferred to K-State following two years as a Miami Hurricane, and red-shirt sophomore running back Bryce Brown, who transferred after a year at Tennessee, will both suit up for the first time in front of fans Saturday and play on the field of Bill Snyder Family Stadium as Wildcats.

The brothers hail from Wichita, and were heavily recruited out of Wichita East High School. Arthur was rated as the top player in the state of Kansas and the second best outside linebacker, while Scout.com considered Bryce the top recruit in the country. Arthur spent two years at Miami as a non-starter and saw most of his playing time with the special teams.

Bryce averaged 4.55 yards per carry in his sole year as a Tennessee Volunteer.

When both players decided to transfer, they made headlines. Bryce's transfer made national news due to the hype surrounding his caliber and the coaching change at Tennessee. K-State head coach Bill Snyder believes both players have made excellent adjustments as they have gotten accustomed to his program.

"[Bryce] is adjusting as well as anybody could expect," Snyder said. "Bryce, as well as Arthur, are tremendous young people. They are great family people with wonderful families and they are well bonded. They have been raised well and are very courteous, very polite. They are quiet young guys who go about with their business and do their classroom work. They do it all and do it the right way. They have endeared themselves to the players and the program."

"All I know is that it is going to be exciting," Arthur Brown junior linebacker

Arthur is expected to be a huge part in a revamped linebacker group for the Wildcats. Last year, the run defense was a gaping flaw in the Wildcats' defensive efforts. During the offseason, Snyder has worked to bulk up and improve the linebackers in an effort to shut down the run game.

"Last year, we had a pretty young linebacker corps," Arthur said. "As a freshman, Tre Walker was pretty light but he has bulked up and put on some pounds. I think we are ready to go this year."

As for Bryce, his job will be to replace Daniel Thomas, who will likely be drafted this week-end. While there are other running backs to carry the load, such as Robert Rose and John Hubert, Brown is expected to lead the way for Snyder's rushing game.

"It is quite obvious that he is a very fine player," Snyder said. "He runs well and has really good speed and is developing into a multifaceted player. He is improving on his blocking capabilities, he can be involved in the passing game, he is proving his skills there. However, he is in a really competitive battle. I really like the progress that we are making at that position. He's the fastest of the group and more physical than the other two at least in stature."

The brothers are excited to play with each other again, as they spent two years apart following Arthur's graduation from high school then sat out last year due to NCAA transfer rules.

"All I know is that it is going to be exciting," Arthur said. "The fans bring a little bit more enjoyment to the game as well as more energy and excitement. I really appreciate our fans a lot from what I have seen over the past year, so I am really looking forward to this year."

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New Orleans native finds place at K-State through hard work

Sean Frye
junior staff writer

Coming in from out-of-state and fitting into a completely new environment is never easy for student-athletes. Sophomore tackle Cornelius Lucas hails from New Orleans and has found a new home here in Manhattan.

"When I first got here, it was really different," Lucas said. "I came from a big city so to come here where it's a smaller city and you see the same people every day, that's different for me. I like it though."

According to *Rivals.com*, Lucas was a two-star recruit coming out of Edna Karr High School. He was one of the best tackles in the area, and led his school to two district championships. Because his rating was only two stars, Lucas did not have the same hype that higher-caliber recruits receive. As an offensive lineman, Lucas is used to not being in the spotlight and working hard to earn his spot.

"I don't really like the hype too much," Lucas said. "I just like to be unseen and work hard and just get better without anybody really noticing it. I figured I'd let my

game speak for itself."

Lucas was redshirted during his freshman year in 2009. He did not get too much playing time at the tackle position in his first season on the field, but found other ways to get in the action.

"I didn't play too many games at my position but I did play on special teams last year, and I feel that I put a foot into the college element," Lucas said. "Like I got a foot into the door last year. I'm not all the way there just yet, but I got a foot in the door."

Not only is Lucas starting to get his foot in the door, but the coaching staff has asked him to be a versatile player as well. Instead of just playing on the left side, he is now required to play both left and right tackle.

"They wanted me to get used to both of them," Lucas said. "I'll never know which one I'm going to play. It'll be depending on what happens in the game."

This weekend's spring game leads into next season where Lucas will play a big role on an offensive line that is famous for being very effective. It's not an easy job being on the line, as head coach Bill Snyder runs many different passing and running game

schemes. The offensive line must always be on top of their game.

"The offensive line, we compete with each other every day to get better," Lucas said. "It's never easy."


The spring game will test the measure of where the talent level for this year's offensive line is. They will be blocking for a new quarterback and a new running back following the departures of seniors Carson Coffman and Daniel Thomas.

"We're definitely stronger and have more size and were quicker," Lucas said. "Our competition level is really rising."

Over the past two years, Lucas has gotten acclimated with the team and the lifestyle at K-State. The expectations on him will increase as he will play a pivotal role in proving that the Wildcats can be successful in the run game without Thomas.

However, he says he will never get used to one thing in particular about K-State.

"I don't know if it's either Tuesday or Wednesday, but when they move the cows every week, you can smell the manure and all that," Lucas said. "I'm still not used to that."

CORNELIUS LUCAS			#78
	Class: Sophomore	Height/weight: 6'8"/331	Birthdate: 7/18/1991
	Hometown: New Orleans, La.	Position: Offensive lineman	High school: Edna Karr

In the running



Jonathan Knight | Collegian

Junior quarterback **Collin Klein** runs down field with the ball in a game against Colorado on Nov. 20. The Wildcats lost the game 44-36 in Boulder. This season, Klein is battling for the starting role against Blinn College transfer **Justin Tuggle**.

Transfers, redshirts should help team improve from past seasons



Tyler Scott

With a plethora of running backs on K-State's roster, there should be plenty of options for next season's quarterback to hand off to. Sophomore transfer Bryce Brown, redshirt freshman DeMarcus Robinson and sophomore running back John Hubert lead a backfield that could be as solid as any in the Big 12 Conference. The team as a whole should see some great progress this season all around. It's only a matter of time before they make some big improvements from the past two years.

While at the University of Tennessee, Brown only rushed for 460 yards and caught 10 passes for 137 yards and one touchdown. Hubert was on the bench most of last season as Daniel Thomas and William Powell helped the Wildcats gain 2,880 yards in their yearlong campaign. Robinson hasn't seen a snap yet, but could

be a part of a decent one-two punch if he can win a spot over any of the running backs.

All three of these players should get a sizable amount of carries and work in the spring game tomorrow. Fans will get their first shot at judging the trio to see who could be a solid force this fall.

I think Brown should see a lot of time this season. The Wichita native was ranked as the No. 1 overall high school recruit by *Rivals.com* in 2009. Many people may agree or disagree, but I think he has the potential to be a key player for K-State and could help them to a 10-win season, if that is even an option.

That may be saying too much as the team has a lot of new faces, but it definitely shouldn't be ruled out of the equation. The defense needs to improve following a season where it allowed the most yards in the conference.

Junior defensive end Brandon Harold started off last season on fire, but slowly whittled down to a guy who got blocked easily at the line. His numbers went down significantly. He was a bit of a disappointment, but with more experience under his belt I hope he can progress into a guy like former Wildcat Jeffrey

Fitzgerald who scared quarterbacks while chasing them down for the sack.

Senior safety Tysyn Hartman will hopefully make some noise as well. His interception numbers were down some last season, as he only snagged the ball twice last year when I thought he would grab at least five. He seemed to be the heart of the defense, or at least the secondary, but never really blossomed into a player the quarterback would be afraid to throw toward.

The team also has a lot of options at wide receivers with junior Brodrick Smith and sophomore Tramaine Thompson returning from injuries. Thompson had a total of 19 receptions and 258 yards, while Smith caught 14 passes for 191 yards and three touchdowns.

I think with all of the new options head coach Bill Snyder and staff have, the team could see a big improvement from last season. I'm excited for next season already and it should be a fun spring game tomorrow as the team showcases their skills at 1 p.m. at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

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Questions abound about offensive, defensive line



Left: Quarterback **Carson Coffman** is put on his head during the inaugural New Era PinStripe Bowl in New York City's Yankee Stadium, Dec. 30.

Below: K-State wide receiver **Chris Harper** demonstrates to head coach **Bill Snyder** the salute that K-State wide receiver **Travis Hilburn** was given an excessive celebration penalty for. A controversial flag for excessive celebration was called on Hilburn after he saluted the crowd following his touchdown run. K-State lost to the Syracuse Orange 36-34.

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It's spring game eve, meaning K-State fans will get their first look at the Brown brothers. Blinn College transfer junior quarterback Justin Tuggle and the return of two injured wide receivers, sophomore Tramaine Thompson and junior Brodrick Smith. Let's take a look at each of K-State's respective units. I'll provide a completely subjective look at everything from defensive ends to quarterbacks and wide receivers to cornerbacks and the special teams units. My opinion will most likely be thwarted by tomorrow's performances, yet, away we go in to a land of unknowns and subjective reasoning.

We will start out with the Wildcats' strengths for next year. It will make the weaknesses taste less bitter. At least that is the hope.

It may seem unlikely, even impossible, that running backs could be a strength for K-State. The Wildcats are without the services of Daniel Thomas, the best running back the Wildcats have had since Darren Sproles was taking handoffs from Eli Roberson to lead K-State to its

first ever Big 12 Conference championship.

Yet it's easy to see how and why when you replace the one-man wrecking crew with the nation's top recruit in sophomore Bryce Brown. Brown was modest in his first year at the University of Tennessee, but he was playing behind second-round pick Montario Hardesty. According to reports, Brown has been humble during the spring and should live to up to fans' expectations.

Behind Brown is a fairly stable group of running backs including his Wichita counterpart, freshman DeMarcus Robinson, who rushed for over 5,000 yards in his career

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at Northwest High School. The other running back who has made waves is sophomore John Hubert. Hubert carried the ball 12 times for 30 yards last year. In his senior season, he broke LaDainian Tomlinson of Waco city's single-season rushing record. Another scintillating sophomore is Robert Rose. Rose, a Miami native, provides plenty

of speed to this unit. Junior fullback Braden Wilson will also return to add toughness.

It was almost like a blessing in disguise when Smith broke his leg in the Nebraska game and Thompson injured his knee during the Baylor game. The injuries forced junior Chris Harper to step up.

Harper caught four passes for 74 yards against Colorado en route to his second touchdown reception of the year. Harper also played well in the PinStripe Bowl with five grabs for 56 yards and a touchdown.

Thompson and Smith, according to reports, are healthy and should be ready to go for the spring game. Although the Wildcats are without the talents of Aubrey Quarles and the director in the infamous salute-gate Adrian Hilburn, K-State's trio of wide outs provide a variety of targets.

The quarterback position is a strength, only because the situation could not have gotten any worse. While Carson Coffman did an adequate job behind center throwing for 14 touchdowns and rushing for another nine, his athleticism left something to be desired. There was the fumbled snap against Missouri. The lack of arm strength and general uneasiness in the pocket made Coffman a weakness for K-State last year.

Enter in juniors Collin Klein and Justin Tuggle. Snyder said in his latest press conference that if the season ended Tuesday, Klein would be the number one, with Tuggle bringing up the rear. Expect the quarterback battle



to be tightly contested. However, the two lines are the biggest weaknesses. Each line has more question marks on it than the Riddler's costume. The defensive line was abused last year, giving up an average of 231 yards per game. Senior defensive tackles Raphael Guidry and Ray Kibble will enter the spring game as the number one group.

The defensive ends are unproven, but junior Adam Davis was a sack master at Hutchison Community College, racking up 23 sacks during his two-year stint. A neck injury kept Davis out of practice last year. Junior Meshak Williams is a great

athlete with an ability to come off the edge, while junior Brandon Harold provides great depth up front. It will be interesting to see if the 2009 Freshman All-American can return to form. Senior Jordan Voelker is another guy to keep your eye on. The line will be more athletic than it was last year.

As long as offensive line coach Charlie Dickey is here, the line should be fine. K-State has to replace starters Kenneth Mayfield, Wade Weibert and Zach Kendall. Freshman BJ Finney is expected to take over for Weibert. Finney, a former walk-on was not brought in as Weibert's future

replacement, but he has been impressive at the center position throughout the spring. Junior Manase Foketi should retain his spot. Also, look out for 6-foot-8-inch sophomore tackle Cornelius Lucas, who definitely has the size to be a force on the offensive but his footwork will determine whether he sees the field.

The spring game should be an entertaining contest. Hopefully it will satisfy football lovers' appetites out there for another couple months.

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